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Hardly have the joyous sounds of Christmas faded into silence than mankind hears the bells toll in the New Year. The years of our earth have increased by one and Time has closed the door on another gamut of days. The year has become the past.

of it."

Looking back we see our attainments, our defeats; looking forward we see—What? Our future hopes, perhaps fears. And what does the future hold for our—yes OUR— Institute.

Let us consider. One of our great opportunities in the coming year is active participation in the great International scientific undertaking of the Geophysical Year. Here is the vision splendid of co-operation to-wards a single goal and we—the

when we can air our problems around when we can air our propiems around the table in friendly discussion. This may seem to be the affair of the few, but it is definitely not. The items discussed are those of individual members supported by the Division. finally carried to Federal level.

So much for some of our hopes; what of our fears? We must face Television interference. The problem is small at the moment. Television is is small at the moment. Television is in its infancy and Amateurs have prepared for most eventualities, but it must be expected that some diffi-culties will arise. We must not allow these to defeat us.

We must also face the problems surrounding Civil Defence. It may be necessary to make some sacrifices in order that we can play our part should unforescen circumstances arise.

Thus enters 1957 and with the beginning of this New Year, WE-the Institute-can confidently look to the future. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE.

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Design Notes on Transistorised Audio Amplifiers

HANS J. ALBRECHT.* VK3AHH

WHILE more than sufficient literature seems to be available on how to conduct cut-and-try experiments with transistors, it is generally difficult to obtain information on the proper engineering approach in will therefore be attempted, in this article, to deal with special design aspects encountered with such amplifiers, based on transistor-network analters, based on transistor-network anal-was able to gain in this field during the last few years.

To be useful, this article cannot cover the very fundamental information on transistors, and readers requiring such an introduction are referred to relevant books, booklets, articles, manufacturers' advertisements, etc., too numerous to list. An introduction of higher standard timore as references.'2 we books mem-

Similar to vacuum-tube technique, it is essential to operate a transistor within its power ratings and, for best results, within the linear portion of its charmonic to the control of the charmonic transition of the amplifier circuitry, to keep the effects of ambient temperature within permissible limits. Three circuit connections are possible:

(i) Common-emitter connection; useful for amplification; input and output resistances are the order of 1,000 and 70,000 ohms, respectively; counterpart to grounded-cathode operation.

(1) Common-base connection; useful for amplification; input and output resistances are of the order of 100 to 500 ohms and 200,000 ohms, respectively; counterpart to grounded-grid operation.

(iii) Common-collector mainly used for matching a high impedance to a low impedance load; high and output 100,000 and 2,000 chms, respectively; counterpart to cathode-follower operation.

For an RC-coupled or direct-coupled cascade amplifier common-emitter or common-base stages or a combination of both may be utilised. The use of a stage between the amplifying stages is feasible, although no advantage can be obtained in practice. In fact, it has been emitter stages results in more amplification than that of two common-emitter stages isolated and mutually matched

by a common-collector stage.

If transformers are used as means of coupling one stage to the other, they must be so designed that an appropriate matching of the output resistance of one stage to the input resistance of the next

stage is achieved.

Considering the loss in gain due to the mismatch from stage to stage in an RC-coupled or direct-coupled cascade

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amplifier and thus the necessity of an additional stage to compensate for the additional stage of the stage o

DESIGN CALCULATION

As indicated above, the circuit components must be so chosen that the quiescent operating point is within the straight part of the characteristics and that changes in the characteristics, due to variations in the ambient temperature, are automatically compensated.

To achieve this aim, the circuit may be arranged in several ways, to some extent depending on whether one or more separate supply sources are used. For various reasons the single-source circuit results in a simpler circuit, although the actual design may appear to be more complicated.

The figure depicts an amplifier stage in common-emitter connection with appropriate bias stabilisation. Fundamentally, the emitter current (I_s) may be regarded as being split up into collector (I_s) and base (Ib) currents, thus I_s = Ib + I_s. (1)



Also, the collector current consists of the emitter current multiplied by the current amplification factor (a) plus the collector current at zero emitter current (I₄). "a" is defined by the derivative of the collector current with respect to the emitter current, with the collector voltage kept constant.

We have I. = aI. + I. (2)

Referring to the figure and designating the current through R₁ by I_i, and that through R₂ by I₅, the base current is given by

Ib = I₁ — I₂(3)
And, neglecting the small potential between the emitter and the base,

 $I_0R_0 \equiv I_0R_0 \equiv E \longrightarrow I_1R_1 \dots$ (4) E being the supply voltage.

We can now proceed to discussing the actual design of the stabilising circuit, based on the above formulae. A socalled stability factor has been defined for transistorised amplifier circuits.¹ Mathematically, this factor "S" is the derivative of the collector current with respect to the zero-emitter collector current:

$$S = \frac{dI_e}{dI_{eo}} = \frac{1 + R_0/R_0 + R_2/R_1}{1 - a + R_1/R_0 + R_0/R_1}$$

Particularly the zero-emitter collector current (L.) is abuject to changes with contract the collector current 1. multiplied in the collector current 1. multiplied by 5. The value of this factor should be by 5. The value of this factor should be stabilisation. In practice, however, as tabilisation, in practice, however, as tabilisation, in practice, however, as the compromise must be made between low value of "S", which means relatively large current drain. For audio twelve properties of the collection of the practice of the collection of the col

The next step in designing an RC-coupled audio amplifier stage with single-battery supply is the calculation of each of the resistors Rs, Ri, and Rs. From expressions mentioned above, the following formulae, may be derived:

$$\begin{split} R_{1} &= \frac{E~(S-1)}{I_{c} - SI_{es}}~...~(6)\\ R_{2} &= S-1\\ \frac{(1-S+aS)~(I_{e}-I_{es})}{a~(E-V_{e}-R_{el})} - \frac{I_{c}-SI_{re}}{E} \end{split}$$

$$R_4 = \frac{a (E - V_e - R_s I_e)}{I_e - I_{eo}}$$
 (8)

In a typical stage, a junction triode OCT1 is used in common-militer connection with R₁ = 47,000 chms, R₂ = 10,000 chms, R₃ = 3900 chms, and R₅ = 1,000 chms, the supply voltage E being 45 volts. This is one stage of a fully-transistorised amplifier designed by the author early in 1856 and used as modulation amplifier at his station.

To illustrate the change of components if a different type of junction-triode transistor is utilised, Retails of Junction-triode transistor is utilised, Retails of Leville, and the control of the Contr

To arrive at these values design steps

 Select the type of transistor and consult the manufacturer's publication of characteristics for values of "a" and "L.".

(ii) Choose the mode of operation, load resistance R., and a suitable quiescent operating point from the characteristics published, defined by I. and V. at the operating point.

(iii) Select a value for the stability factor "S".

(iv) Substitute "a" "L" "V."

(iv) Substitute "a", "Ie", "Ie", "Ve", "Re", and "S" in eqs. (6), (7), and (8) and thus determine values of R₁, R₂, and Re.

Table 1 shows typical values of the quiescent operating points for two transistors available on the Australian market, namely P-N-P junction triodes OCT1 and OCT2, both operated in common-emitter connection class A. "a" is 0.98 for both types.

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The author designed his fully-tronsistorised modulation amplifier on this basis. The cascade amplifier consists of The gain of the amplifier is more than sufficient for adequate modulation and appreciable volume reserve. Combined with a transistorised audio oscillator for m.c.w. modulation, the small unit is extremely useful and versatile.

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-E supply voltage	4.5	4.5	volts
-V. collector voltage	0.91	1.8	volts
-I. collector current	0.73	1.82	Ma.
R	3,900	1,000	ohms

Similar to the cathode resistor in vacuum-tube technique, R. has to be to the control of the con

The "h"-parameters which are published by manufacturers may be used to obtain approximate data on gain, optimum load impedance, etc. In fact, these "h"-parameters are the elements garded as a four-terminal network. A set of formulae can be derived on that basis but only four of the most useful ones are mentioned here: For common-base connection:

Voltage gain = $\frac{\mid h_{11} \mid}{D + h_{11}/R_{\bullet}}$ (9) optimum load impedance = $\sqrt[3]{h_{11}/(D \times h_{22})}$ (10)

For common-emitter connection: voltage gain = $-\frac{|h_{21}|}{D + h_{11}/R_*}$ (11)

 $\sqrt[3]{h_{11} (1 + h_{21})/(D \times h_{22})}$ (12)

optimum load impedance =

D = h₀ h₂ — h₂ h₃ The design of cascade transistor amplifiers of several stages is relatively difficult if compared with corresponding calculations in vacuum-tube technique. Whereas stage-by-stage computation is the usual method in the latter case, this one OC71 stage and two OC72 stages, all RC-coupled and operated in class A. Details of this amplifier and its design are to be published elsewhere. However, some comments on its performance may be of interest.

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e This article will not tell you how to cure television laterference but it does describe a deductive system of investigation which will help to find the cause of TVI in any particular case. Once that has been done, well-known principles which have been described in these pages many times in the past may be apolled.

BEFORE TVI can be cured, an intelligent system of tracing and evidence is highly destrable. In this article it is intended to systematise the complex business of ascertaining the cause rather than to offer means of effecting a cure.

This conception of tracking down interference to its final elimination is based on a series of "go" or "no go" trails, leading, according to the results down a chain of observations and tests which will provide an answer which should be conclusive. A 'chart or "tree" is given for rapid reference and to show more clearly than the text the logical sequence of the method.

vision interference caused by Amateur transmitters:—

(a) Harmonic or spurious radiation from the transmitter and/or its

aerial system.

(b) Response by the television receiver to signals outside its de-

ceiver to signals obtained in design pass-band.

(c) The generation of harmonics in non-linear elements in the vicinless of the signal of the coninguity of the coninguity of the coninguity of the contraction of the conpage 10 cm. The contraction of the contraction

Cases and a catalogue (a) must obviously be treated at the transmitter and the Amateur cannot escape responsibility. Those in category (b) can only be cured at the receiver and in general the CLUOd that the Amateur is not to blame. In category (c) neither the transmitting Amateur nor the receiver owner is to Amateur or the receiver owner is to Amateur or the receiver owner is to Amateur or the receiver owner may have somewhere about his property metalwork which, due to corrosion or metalwork which, due to corrosion or the trouble. A corroded receiving serial of course comes into category (c) and the owner has the cure in his own

Category (a) Causes which must be dealt with at the Amateur Transmitting Station

The system to be adopted in this case

is as follows:—

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 Connect the transmitter to a dummy load. Operate the transmitter in all other respects in the same manner as that used when interference is known to be caused.

Possible Results:

(i) Interference no longer caused.
(ii) No change in interference.
(iii) Appreciable reduction of inter-

If the results are as in (i) then it is clear that all the trouble is brought about by the signal radiated from the transmitting aerial. It may, therefore, be due to harmonic radiation, to receiver defects in category (b) or to

ceiver defects in category (b) er to effects in category (c). If the results are as in (ii) there is in the results are as in (ii) there is from the early of final stages of the transmitter and well-known methods of text of the control of the control of the text of the control of the control of the text of the control of the control of the text of the control of the control of the would be the case if the transmitting would be the case if the transmitting areal, instead of the dummy, were in

If the results are as in (iii) there is fevery likelihood of a combination of harmonic radiation from the transmitter itself as in (ii) plus further interference falling into categories (a), (b) and (c). The procedure, therefore, is to work on the transmitter screening and filtering, etc., until interference is eliminated on dummy load.

2.—When all interference on dummy load has been cured, the following testshould be carried out. Reconnect the aerial to the transmitter through a lowpass filter of good or known performance.

Possible Results:

(i) Interference no longer caused.

(ii) No change in interference.
(iii) Appreciable reduction of interference.

If the results are as in (i) this is the end of this particular branch of investigation and the case is closed. However, if the results are as in (ii) there is strong evidence that the transmitter was blameless even without the low-pass filter and that the case falls into either category (b) or category (c) or both. If the results are as in (iii) the transmitting station with the low-pass filter and that the case falls into either category (b) or category (c) or both. If the results are as in (iii) the transmitting station with the low-pass filter than the control of th

in class that which the now-plass litter in class station which the normal part in mere blameless and the remaining intended to cause in categories (b) or (c) to the fit is, of course, necessary to make sure the low-pass filter is really effective before these assumptions can be true. At this stage of the investigation the transmitting station and, therefore, cate-

At this stage of the investigation the transmitting station and, therefore, category (a) have been eliminated and only categories (b) and (c) remain.

Category (b) Causes which must be dealt with at the Receiving Station
3.—The system to be adopted in this case is as follows:—
Disconnect the receiver aerial and

turn up the brilliance control until the (4) 7(0) QRM clears .. transmitter QRM contin is odequately screened of OPM Treat as for (c) until Treat for radiation of harmonics from trans-mitter itself. After via low pass filter down line (a) clearing, proceed down (4) 10 OBH steres Some improvement .. tronsmitter QRM as bod as had some harmonic output. Leave low pass filter in and proceed down line (f) due to transmitter CASE CLOSED (CATEGORY A) Disconnect TV ORM clears .. no pick-Minor ORM when trons-ORM heavy when transup vio moins or I.f. mitter kered or modulated mitter keyed or modulated Replace TV receiver Treat as for (1) Treat for mains borne ORM or i. t. pick-upt teader with tonn in series Then proceed down line (a) Then proceed down line (a) 00 [ORM clears as trap is tuned to transmitter frequency ORM and TV picture both attenuated as trap is tuned to TV channel ... QRM due to harmonic caused by ron-linear NOTE: under (h) and (j) the QRM will have a very different . receiver foulty character owing to obsence of the TV signal to best with (esert biob pass filter CASE CLOSED CASE CLOSED The chart devised by the author for the rapid diagnosis of television interfere

raster is just visible. Modulate the transmitter by speech or keying and check whether interference persists.

Possible Results.

(i) No interference visible. (ii) Significant interference still

If the results are as in (i) then the interference is coming in via the aerial and the frequency of the interfering signal should be checked. This is best done by means of a tuned trap or traps which will cover the fundamental and appropriate harmonic frequencies of the Amateur signal (see section 4 following). If the results are as in (ii), then least some interference is entering the receiver via the mains connection or is being picked up on the i.f. wiring in the receiver. Apart from putting r.f. elementary screening around abviously vulnerable i.f. circuitry there is not much that can be done by anyone but the set manufacturer.

4.—Reverting to section 3 (i)—the aerial no trace of interference is to be seen when the transmitter is keyed-the following tests should be carried out.

Insert a parallel tuned circuit, reson-ant at the transmitter output frequency, in series with the inner conductor of the receiver co-axial feeder. For 14 Mc. the tuned circuit should preferably cover at least a 3:1 frequency band so that at one sweep of the tuning condenser both transmitter fundamental and third harmonic can be rejected. For lower frequency bands the tuned circuit need only resonate at the transmitter output frequency but a second tuned circuit should be available to cover the television band.

With the transmitter keyed or modulated, and the television transmission on the air (preferably with test card C). rotate the trap condenser in the vicinity of the known resonance point for the transmitter frequency as determined with a grid dip meter.

(i) If a substantial reduction in interference is observed, then the trouble is either swamping (cross modulation) or break-through or image response. Which it is can usually be deduced from a knowledge of the receiver circuit, but it is of academic interest only since the receiver is at fault anyway.

When it is found that a trap resonant at the transmitter output frequency is effective in reducing interference, properly designed high-pass filter known performance should be inserted in the receiver feeder. Any remaining

in category (c).

(ii) If no appreciable reduction is observed on tuning the trap to the transmitter output frequency, the evidence is that the receiver is not at fault. Retune the trap—or insert a second trap—to the television channel. Clearly, if the trap is operating effectively, it will seriously attenuate the picture. If the interference is due to a transmitter emission (such as a harmonic or spurious signal) or to a category (c) source, then the trap will attenuate the interference to the same extent as the picture. In earlier tests it has already been established that there is no transmitter output in the television band. Therefore, we have the case of a harmonic free transmitter and

a faultless receiver, yet harmonics are deduced that the cause is in category (c) and sheer dogged searching or inspired deduction are needed to find it and attempt a cure.

Category (c). Harmonics caused by Non-Linear Elements

The process by which non-linear elements cause harmonic radiation is akin to that on which metal rectifiers and semi-conductor rectifiers rely for their operation. Generally, any substantial lengths or areas of metal which make partial contact with one another will, by virtue of the existence of oxides and other substances due to tarnishing, bedetector at the centre or somewhere along its length. The metal will pick up large currents due to the strong r.f field in the locality of the transmitter and these currents flowing through the rectifier will be of greater magnitude in one half-cycle than in the other. Thus sine wave containing no harmonics will be converted into a wave of the same frequency but having an unpredictable and sometimes serious harmonic content. The metalwork, by the theory of reciprocity, re-radiates the original signal plus the harmonics it has itself generated.

The commonest causes are rusty joints in domestic plumbing such as gutters, drain pipes, gas pipes and elec-trical wiring conduit. Indeed, the trical wiring conduit. Indeed, the phenomenon has been called for many years the "drain pipe effect" or "rusty bolt effect"—the latter, particularly in sea-going installations where an earth bolt has rusted, giving rise to the conditions described. More often than not the efficiency of the rectifier in the corroded joint is very poor and the pro-portion of harmonic re-radiated to the amount of the fundamental re-radiated is very low, but it must be realised that a field strength of many volts per metre at the fundamental is common in the immediate vicinity of the transmitting station, and a re-radiated harmonic field of 1/1.000,000 compared with the fundamental may be sufficient to cause TVI.

Occasionally, however, the nature and condition of a dusty joint may be such as to rectify quite efficiently, with the result that any modulation of the transmitter may become audible at the joint! a gutter pipe 20 ft. high and having a gutter pipe 20 ft. high and having a loose-fitting joint about 5 ft. from the ground was found to be emitting an audible tone when the transmitter was being modulated for test purposes. disturbing the joint by vigorously shak-ing the pipe, the sound output vanished, but there was still a varying degree of harmonic radiation (as detected on a harmonic indicator) as the pipe was moved about. Some of the most obscure causes,

which are at the same time most difficult to cure, are rusty conduit pipes embedded in the plaster of walls. The only hope of tracing these is by means of a sensitive harmonic indicator, preferably in the form of a portable two r.f. stage battery-operated receiver working at the harmonic frequency and having a tuned loop aerial. The transmitter should be modulated and operated at full power while the portable receiver is taken around the neighbourhood exploring for the points of origin and maximum harwill be found quite directional enough to pin-point even hidden conductors in

After the source has been located it may be an altogether more difficult problem to eliminate the generation of harmonics. In the writer's house there are probably a dozen different instances in the plaster or underneath tonguedand-grooved flooring boards. One of the most disheartening things about this particular trouble is that houses immediately either side may also contain rusty connections which in most cases cannot he dealt with

FURTHER AIDS TO DIAGNOSIS One of the commonest forms of TVI

s the diagonal "cross hatch pattern formed on the picture. By observing and measuring the horizontal spacing of the light and dark bars it is possible to deduce the interfering frequency. For example, suppose the horizontal pitch of the pattern so formed is 0.25 in. on a screen 10 in. wide; then there will obviously be 40 complete cycles of the interference "beat" (or heterodyne) occurring in the 80 microseconds of acoccurring in the 80 microseconds of ac-tive line duration of the television pic-ture. If 40 cycles take 80 microseconds, then 1 cycle takes 2 microseconds and the frequency is 0.5 Mc. Similarly, a heterodyne of 2 Mc. would be represented by a horizontal pitch of one-quarter of 0.25 in., i.e., 1/16 in.

If the transmitter is on a frequency of, ay, 14.333 Mc., its third harmonic will be exactly 43 Mc., and this harmonic will beat with the vision carrier of the London B.B.C. station on 45 Mc. to produce a heterodyne of 2 Mc. Thus, if the interference is due to the third harmonic, a 1/16 in. horizontal pitch pattern will be produced on a 10 in. wide screen (or, of course, 3/32 in. on a 15 in. screen).

Changing the transmitter frequency to exactly 14 Mc. will produce a 3 Mc. heterodyne and the pitch should reduce in width to two-thirds of the previous

The pattern will not usually be sta-tionary because the television waveform is locked to the a.c. mains, which are not highly stable in r.f. terms. However, a quick inspection along one line of the raster will enable a fairly accurate pitch measurement to be made even if the pattern is moving quite rapidly. Any pattern having a pitch detectable larger than 1/16 in. on a 10 in. wide picture (in the case of 14 Mc. and Channel 1 for example) is indicative of lower frequency heterodyne than 2 Mc. Such should be impossible if the trouble is really third harmonic since the transmitter would have to operate outside the high frequency end of the 14 Mc. band to produce any heterodyne appreciably lower than 2 Mc.

On the other hand, if the trouble is due to i.f. break-through or image response in the receiver, heterodynes of this order can be caused. Furthermore, due to "inversion" produced by the mixing process in the receiver, it is possible to increase the pattern pitch instead of reducing it when the transmitter is changed from 14.333 Mc. to 14 Mc.

Details of a Simple Mobile Whip for 40-80 Mx

BY FRANK W. FOWLER.* VK2APF

THIS simple whip has been devised for v.f.o. controlled pi output transmitters. It is not proposed to go into full technical details of the opera-tion of the whip, but a few comments may be in order.

The writer has spent many hours trying to evolve something simple that. at the same time, will give reasonably good results on two bands. Let it be stressed that this whip is not the acme

of perfection, but it works and is the answer for v.f.o. operation.

It was found that high Q coils nost desireable on a mobile whip most desireable on a mobile whip. However, this is very nice for the xial controlled operator who does not want to race up and down the bands, but for the chap who desires to QSY, he must either have a series of coils, and a set of xtals designed for operation in their respective pairs, or make provision to

There are many and varied ways of tuning a whip, but the simplest and most effective way is to use a slider to short out the end of the inductance not required. This is the method used.

In order to induce a greater flow of current in the lower section of the whip, current in the lower section of the winly, it becomes necessary to load the top of the whip with some extra capacity. This can take the form of a hat, or extra length. The writer settled for extra length because of the increased gain in received signals, and to get away from fancy failals.

The loading coll used is a fairly low Q coil, the reason being that as we are v.f.o. controlled, we can take advantage of its broadband characteristics and not have to have capacity tuning, as well as inductive tuning, to get right on the nose, which is essential with high Q

The coil former consists of 11 inch plastic water pipe, 8 inches long. This water pipe has good r.f. property and is very solid. It can be worked by heating to 212°F. in water and then will

To take both ends of the whip, couple of plastic screwdriver handles were turned down to fit into each end of the piping, and hammered in. Yes, you can hammer them in and the pipe will not split.

One hundred and twenty turns of 18 One hundred and twenty turns of 18 gauge B. & S. enamel wire was then wound on very tightly, being anchored to a one-eighth screw threaded into the pipe at each end. This screw was made to go right into the whip itself so that it would serve as a contactor for the ends of the coil.

Next a slider was fitted to the coil and

a piece of phosphor bronze used as the actual sliding contactor, the slider rail being made from a piece of 8 gauge hard-drawn copper wire which was bent nard-drawn copper which was been and screwed to each end of the coll-insulated from the top end of the wind-ing and connected to the bottom end. A flat file was then brought into use

to make a clean surface for the slider

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to slide on, then the whole coil was treated with clear lacquer. Next a small coil consisting of 12 turns of 14 gauge B. & S. was wound on 1½ inch diameter former and tapped at the seventh turn from the start.

The function of this coil is to act as an impedance matching transformer at the base of the whip. This coil is mounted right at the base of the whip and connected from the whip to ground.

The feedline used is 10 feet of 50 ohm

co-ax, the braid being earthed and the inner conductor for 40 metres is clipped to the tapping; for 80 metres, the inner conductor is connected to the top of the matching coil.

The loading coil is inserted at the junction of the first four feet section and the top eight feet. The reason for the eight feet on top has been explained earlier (extra capacity)

The whip in use at this station is one of the disposal types and was inserted of the disposal types and was inserted in the plastic screwdriver handles by heating over a gas flame and then screwing in; on cooling down, the whip can be then screwed in and out as

To tune the whip, connect the receiver to it and move the slider up and down the coil until a rise in receiver noise is heard, then tune in a station near the frequency that you desire to work on and again adjust the slider—one turn at a time-until the station is at its strongest level on the S meter. This adjustment is critical, as one turn will mean the difference of being able to load efficiently or not. The whip will now accept power from the transmitter and it will be possible to QSY 10 Kc. either side of the frequency without any appreciable loss of radiation.

The above method of tuning was found to be the simplest and the most effective, not entailing any frequency meters, etc., and it is advised that it be adhered to.

In passing, ZLs have been worked or In massing, ZLs have been worked on this whip from Tamworth on 49 and 80 metres, signals being R5 and S7-8 on 40 metres and as high as R5 S9 on 80 metres; and if you all know the ZL boys, you should know that they are not in the habit of handing out S9 reports indiscriminately.

The power used at this station is 4

watts on 40 metres and 8 watts on 80 metres. The reason for the smaller input on 40 will probably be told some other time

BOOK REVIEW (Continued from Page 3)

There are chapters devoted to recording and record manufacture, pick-ups, record players, tape recorders, amplifiers, speakers, etc. The section covering room

acoustics is especially interesting. Once you start reading this book, you will find difficulty putting it down, until you have read it right through.

"Hi-Fi from Microphone to Ear" is available from Philips Electrical Industries Pty. Ltd., 69-73 Clarence St. Sydney. Price £1/1/-.

RECEIVER NOISE IMPROVEMENT

BY D. G. HAWTHORNE,* VK3ZCD

An article recently published ("New Bottles for Old," "A.R.," Sept., '56) prompted the writer to try to improve the noise figure of some of the station receivers

Sharp cut-off pentodes like the 6AG5 and the 6CB6 had previously been tried, but although there was an improvement in the noise level, trouble was exper-ienced with intermodulation and overloading by strong local signals, particu-larly in the commercial bands.

Recently, a remote cut-off pentode, the 6BY or EF85, has become available locally. It has a noval base, transconductance of 6 Ma./V. (a noise figure better than that of the 6AGS) and a cut-off voltage of about —35 volts. Extensive internal shielding and a very low grid-plate capacitance, make it stable when used in conventional circuits

The tube was tried in the writer's CR100; the cathode bias resistor of 150 ohms being connected to ground as the gain falls off rapidly with increasing

bias. The Marconi has a 100 volt screen bias. The Marconi has a 100 voit screen line, but better results were obtained by using series supply from the B+ line via a 68,000 ohm resistor. No additional by-passing was required.

The a.v.c. does not operate until the signals reach a level where noise is no signals reach a level where noise is no longer a problem, and so it was used (and needed) to prevent overloading of the second r.f. amplifier. Detuning the aerial circuit, as used by VK3AKZ, was not used, there being an increased probability of image response on the higher frequencies.

For receivers other than the Marconi CR series, use of a.v.c. with the 6BY7 depends on the design. The tube was tried in a receiver similar in design to the AR7, best results being obtained when the voltage was obtained from the junction of two 2.2 megohm resistors connected in series between the a.v.c. line and ground.

The improvement in the signal-tonoise ratio was similar to that obtained with a 6AG5, but with virtually no intermodulation with transmitters on adjacent channels.

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THE TWENTIETH B.E.R.U. CONTEST

SIMPLIFIED SCORING AND LOGS

The main feature of the Twentieth B.E.R.U. Contest, to be held on January 26-27, 1957, is the introduction of a new system of scoring, making for simplified entries, and the replacement of scoring zones by a straight bonus for each new Empire area worked

The old sliding scale of points, which began in the thirties, had many merits, but in recent years the percentage of logs received compared with the total number of participants has dropped sharply; it is believed that many Amat-eurs have been discouraged from making an entry by the complications of the old analysis sheet and the intricacies of "balancing the books." The new system eliminates these difficulties, and thus brings B.E.R.U. into line with most other R.S.G.B. events but, at the same time, retains the unique nature of this historic contest, considered by many Amateurs as undoubtedly the "highlight" of the DX season.

With the 1957 promise of high maxi-mum usable frequencies and the likelimum usable frequencies and the likeli-hood of excellent DX conditions, the high frequency bands of 14, 21 and 28 Mc. should offer opportunities unequalled for many years (ionospheric storms per-mitting), particularly for Amateurs with restricted space for aerials and masts of limited height.

The Contests Committee is endeavouring to secure the maximum amount of overseas publicity for the 1957 event, but solicits the assistance of all members in bringing the dates and revised rules to the notice of stations throughout the Commonwealth. More than 400 stations participated in the 1956 event, stations participated in the 1956 event, but we hope to see a great increase in 1957. Remember B.E.R.U. offers the chance of completing your score of Empire prefixes for E.D.X.C., B.E.R.T.A. or W.B.E. . . . make sure you are ready on W.B.E.... make sure you are ready on all bands . . . and afterwards please submit an entry or check log.

RULES

The contest is divided into two sections, namely: (a) Senior—maximum licensed power; (b) Junior—maximum input 25 watts.

2. The contest (both sections) will start at 0001 G.M.T. on Saturday, Jan-uary 26, and end at 2359 G.M.T. on Sun-day, January 27, 1957.

3. The contest is open to all fullypaid-up members of the R.S.G.B. within the United Kingdom; to all British sub-jects outside the U.K. but within the British Empire and British Mandated Territories; and to members of British Forces of Occupation operating properly authorised stations. All entrants agree to be bound by the rules of the contest. 4. Only the entrant will be permitted to operate the station for the duration

of the contest.

of the contest.

5. Entries must be set out as shown in the example herewith, using one side of the paper only. Entries must be postmarked not later than February 11, 1957, and must be addressed to R.S.G.B. Contests Committee. New Ruskin House, 28-30 Little Russell St., London, W.C.I.

The closing date for acceptance of en-tries is March 31, 1957.

Operation is restricted to the fol-lowing bands: 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 Mc. Transmissions must be of type A1 (pure

c.w.) only, and frequent tone reports of T8 or less may result in disqualification.

7. Entrants must operate within the terms of their licences. The input to the valve or valves delivering power to the aerial must not exceed 25 watts in the Junior section.

8. Contacts may be made with any station using a British Empire or DL2 call sign, except contacts within the en-trant's own call area. British Isles sta-tions may not work each other for points, and contacts with unlicensed stations in places where licences are ob-tainable will not count for points. The decision as to whether or not a station is valid will rest with the R.S.G.B. Con-tests Committee. Only one contact per band will count for points, but duplicate contacts should be logged.

9. Each completed contact will score

5 points. In addition a bonus of 20 pts. may be claimed for the first contact with each new Empire call area (as defined in the appendix) on each band. All British Isles stations (G, GC, GD, GI, GM and GW) count as only one call area.

changed and acknowledged before a con-tact can count for points. The serial number of 6 figures is made up of the RST report plus three figures which may start with any number between 001 and 100 for the first contact and will increase in value by one for each successive con-tact, e.g., 087 for the first and 088 for the second contact, etc.

11. A trophy or miniature will be awarded to the winner of each section, and certificates will be awarded to the

B.E.R.U. CONTEST, JANUARY 26-27, 1957 Name Section Claimed score Call Sign Transmitter Input......Watts Receiver Aerial(s) My Report
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20 plus 60 equals 80. "Declaration: I hereby certify that I have operated within the terms of my licence and in accordance with the rules and spirit of the contest. I agree that the decision of the Council of the R.S.G.B. shall be final in all cases of dispute. I certify that the input power to the final stage of the transmitter was: watts. ... Signed

first three entrants in each section. In addition a certificate will be awarded to regardless of the number of entrants in his call area provided that his score exceeds 1,000 points in the Senior section or 500 points in the Junior section. A certificate will be awarded in each call area in which there are ten or more entrants, to the runner-up, provided his score exceeds 1,000 points in the Senior section or 500 points in the Junior section

RECEIVING SECTION

1. To count for points the log must show in columns (a) date, (b) band, (c) Time G.M.T., (d) station heard, (e) serial number sent, (f) station worked, (g) points claimed, (h) bonus points claimed. CQ or Test calls will not count

for points.

2. Each logging will score points in the same way as contacts in the Transmitting Contest (see Rule 9 earlier).

3. The same station may be logged only once on each band.

4. Logs must be addressed and post-marked as for entries in the Transmit-

ting contest.

ADDENDIY The following call areas are recognised for the purposes of scoring in this contest:—
G. GC, GD, GI, GM, VQS
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VE1 VR1 (Brit. Phoenix Is.). VE4 VESA-L (Yukon Ter.)
VESM-Z (N.W. Ter.)
VK1 (Aus. Antarctic).
VK1 (Heard Island).
VK1 (Macquarie Is.). VK? VK9 (Norfolk Is.). VK9 (Papus). VK9 (New Guines, Bis-mark & Admiralty Is.) VO Leeward Is.). Windward Is.). ZE ZK1 (Cook Islands). (Jamaica). (Cayman Is.). (Turks & Caicos ZK1 (Lord Howe Is.). ZK2 ZL1 ZL1

the R.S.G.B. "Bulletin,

DX ACTIVITY BY VK3AHH+

PROPAGATION REPORT

3.5 Mc.: The only report on conditions on this band refers to an opening to Asia, 1900-2000z. 7 Me.: Apart from the usual openings to the North American continent, contacts have been reported with Europe and Africa (1800-2000z). reported with Europe and Africa (1800-2000z).

14 Mec. Conditions seem to have deteriorated somewhat, although all continents could be contacted during the month. Openings to Africa and Europe were observed between 0700 and 0800, and 1800 and 2000z. South America was represented around 1000-1800z.

21 Mo.: Openings to the American continents (0100-0500z and 1900-2200z) and Europe and Africa (around 0500-0500, and 0500-1400z) were not very reliable but provided reasonable 27/28 Me.: During the month, this bane pened to North and Central America (0100 4002) and Europe (0900-12002) according to

NEWS AND NOTES

At the time of writing, Melbourne is At the time of writing, Melbourne is enjoying one of the greatest privileges—that of being an Olympic City. Melbourne, as host to the XVI Olympiad, thus joins the rank of distinguished world capitals which have been host cities to one or more Olympiads during the last sixty years. In accordance with the true Olympic spirit, the Victorian Division of the W.I.A., through its Olympic Games Committee, has attempted to extend friendliest hospitality to Amateur visitors from overseas, and, I hope, we have been successful. The Olympic period saw the presence of the following DX Amateurs at W.I.A. functions:

Manuel XE2JK, Senator of the Re-public of Mexico and Chief de Mission, Mexican Olympic Team. Bob YA1AA, Team Official, Afghan Olympic Team, ex-W9MOW.

† Hans J. Albrecht, 10 Belgravia Ave., Box Hill North, E.12, Vic. North, E.12, Vic.

* Call signs and prefixes worked.
z—zero time—G.M.T.



Armas OH2NB, Coach, Finnish Olymnic Team Chester WOPBR, Manager, U.S. Olympic Cycling Team.

Other guests were ZM6AS, ZL2MN, ZL2SK, ZL2ABJ, and ZL2ABR. The following news items have come

VR2DA is ex-VK2PA (from 2QL) Although the call sign DUORT has been allocated to W6ITH, for operation from Freedomland (Spratley Islands), no further information is available at

this stage (from NCDXC).

It has been reported that the club station YI2AM is experiencing difficulty in renewing its licence (from W6YY).

QTHs OF INTEREST (from W6YY, NCDXC, and VK7LZ, BERS195, and Rod de Balfour)

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1957 Antarctic Personnel

The following personnel of the 1957 Antartic Team have taken out Amateur licenses.

Macquarle Island

VK0AA—W. J. Steurt (ex-VK1ZBS), 57
Cooks Av., Canterbury, N.S.W.
VK0CJ—C. J. McNaughton, C/o. Gouge,
"Sunshine," Wybong, via Muswellbrook, N.S.W.

Vestfold Hills (Princess Elizabethland) VK0AB—Alan Hawker (ex-VK3IB and VK1AC), 75 Lloyd St., Dimboola, Vic. (Cards to VK2EG).

VK0AC-Carl Nilsoon, 53 Marine Pde., Seacliffe, South Aust. VK0AS—A. H. Sandilands (Sandy), 23 Kennaway St., Tusmore, South Anot

VK0DC—David Callow (ex-VK1DC). (Cards to Federal Bureau). VK0DJ—David Johns (ex-VK1DJ and VKTDJ), 28 Waterworks Road, Hobart, Tas. VKUP—J. D. Pinn. (Cards to Federal QSL Bureau).

VK0PK—Peter King (Cards to VK2EG). VK0RR—Roy Arnell (ex-VK1RR), Box 8, Ararat, Vic. VK0ZM—Bernie Shaw (ex-VK1ZM) William Road, Herne Bay, N.S.W.

William Rosa, Herne Bay, No.w. Bill Storer, VK2EG (ex-VK1BS and VK1EG), Lot 11, Prince Charles St. French's Forest, Sydney, N.S.W, is handling cards on behalf of VK6AB and VK0PK. Cards for other stations listed above should be sent to the home address given or to the Federal QSL Manager, 23 Landale St., Box Hill, E.11, Vic.

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zontal output transformer. (3) This positive pulse sets up, and becomes the first quartercycle of, a damped high-frequency oscillation in the plate circuit. (4) During the first half-cycle of the damped oscillation the cathode of the damper diode is positive with respect to the plate and the damper diode cannot conduct.

(5) During the second halfcausing the damper diode to conduct

(6) The diode conduction current flowing in the horizontal output transformer (and thus in the yoke) is in fact the first part of the sweep deflection current in the yoke, As the damper-diode current decreases towards zero, the saw-tooth voltage on the grid of the horizontal output valve is passing from cut-off to less-negative and then positive grid

voltage (8) The horizontal output valve consequently starts to conduct and draws a steadily increasing plate current through the output transformer and yoke thereby providing the second half

of the sweep current. (9) During the period of damper-diode conduction the horizontal output valve is cut off and current flows into the capacitor across the linearity coils, charging them to a voltage some

hundreds of volts higher than the normal B+ supply voltage.

(10) The plate of the horizontal output valve is supplied from this boost supply, thereby making use of the power recovered by the damper diode from the magnetic field of the

deflection yoke and output transformer. The damper diode thus provides the first half of each cycle of deflection current in the yoke by rectifying the damped oscillation in the output transformer and then allows the power recovered to be used in the plate circuit of the horizontal output valve.

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—Tibet (23)

—Pakistan (21, 22)

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CN8—French Morocco (33)
CP—Bolivia (10)
CR4—Cape Verde I CO-Cuba SV-Crete (20) HR-Honduras -Andaman & HS-Thailand SV-Dodecanese Is. (20) Nicobar Is. HV—Vatican City TA-Turkey (20) XE-Mexico HZ-Saudi Arabia TF-Iceland XW8—Laos XZ—Burma I—Italy (15) TG-Guatemala .. TI-Costa Rica I5. MS4-Italian Soma-TI9—Cocos Is. ... YA-Afghanistan -Principe, Sao aliland 119—Cotos Is. (7)
UA1, 3, 4, 6—European
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UA9, 0—Asiatic
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FIFTY-SIX MEGACYCLES AND ABOVE

Australian Amateurs are advised to keep a look out for ZK1BS, in the Cook Islands, on 5 metres. He is desirious of making contacts with VK.

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an s.w.l. in Belgium.

Thent Field Day of the summer season for white operation was held on 16th December. Further Field Days will be held on the third Sunday in February, March and April, but at the moment these dates are still only tentative pending the date to be set for the National Field Day.

Rules for V.h.f. Field Days

The bands that may be operated are 144 Mc. and above. Any one station may be contacted once only on each particular band on each

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John:
Incidentally, these hunts are open to all who profess an interest in radio and anyone who wishes to participate may unconditionally do so. Drop in at the W.I.A. meetings where the boys will give you much information of the subject—ZAE. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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OLYPMIC MESSAGE

VKSWI co-operated recently with VK7WI in receiving a message of greeting from the Greek Radio Amateurs in connection with the Olympic Games in Melbourne. The message was transmit-ted from Mt. Olympus in Greece to VKTWI, operating portable from Mt. Olympus in Tasmania and was later passed on to VK3WI and handed to the hief Executive Officer Olympic Games Committee in Melbourne

The merrage rand or follows:

"From Attica Amateur Radio Club, SVISV, to Wireless Institute of Aus-tralia, Tasmanian Division, portable VK7WI, on the occasion of the begin-ning of XVI Olympiad in Melbourne. We the Greek Radio Amateurs, address

our warmest greetings to our Australian colleagues and ask you to transmit the following message to the Committee organising the Olympic Games in Australia. This message is communicated from the place of Olympia where the holy light remains burning since three thousand years ago symbolising the idea of courteous competition in peaceful achievements. 'We wish the knightly spirit and the faith in ideals which exspirit and the lattin in heats which ex-presses the meaning of Olympiad pre-vail in this magnificent gathering in Melbourne, and in the conscience of world-wide athletic youth." It may interest members to know that

the Tasmanian Tourist Bureau office in Collins Street, Melbourne, made a small

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BY PHYL MONCHE

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Key Kileks are audible sgainst the back-ground of motor engines roaring in Coolamon again this month. Our most constant VK2 correspondent, Stan Abbey, is mobile, but whether with radio gear or not, I don't know. However, I believe that he has not done much listening but instead has been rampaging around Compiled by Ian J. Hunt, WIA-L3007, 211 St. George's Road, Northcote, N.16, Vic.

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November Group meeting.—This meeting was recommended by the meeting.—This meeting was the control of the contro

evening of each month at 8 p.m. at the address given above.

To conclude the November meeting Ian Hunt gave a talk do antennae and described many of his experiences in that line. The talk was kept elementary for the sake of the younger members and it is hoped that they learnt at least a little from it.

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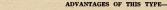
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FEDERAL, QSL, and DIVISIONAL NOTES



FEDERAL.

With the coming of the New Year and the exchange of Season's Greetings, it is also appro-priate to thank all who have helped during the Old

the Old.

Special thanks are due to the various committees—Magazine, Contest, etc.—who have spent hours in their particular duties. Along with these are the members who serve on Traffic Nets, as QSI Officers, Awards Manager, Correspondents, etc. It is the work of these people that makes the Institute function. To one and all we say, "THANK YOU!"

VISIT OF VK2 PRESIDENT A visit of some interest was that of N.S.W. Divisional President, Mr. J. Corbin, VKEYC. Jim, who had come over to attend a Civil Defence School at Mt. Macedon, had a few days available in Melbourne during which he was able to meet members of Federal Executive. Among the variety of subjects discussed was he one which prompted his visit to VK3, the natter of Civil Defence and it is confidently expected that new moves in this field will be orthcoming in the near future.

SUCCESSFUL AMATEUR CANDIDATES The following is a list of candidates who were successful at the examination for the Amateur Operator's Certificate and Amateur Operator's Limited Certificate held on 9th October, 1956.

New South Wales
F. Wilde, "Wyoming," The Village, Blaynay,
H. Palmer, Wee Was St., Boggabri,
F. Barham, 10 Beaufort St., Northmead.
S. Lawton, 5 Rogers Ave., Haberfield,
W. Steinwede, 66a Anzac Pde., Maroubra

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Phipps, 144 Princes Highway, Sutherland,
Dalsteed, 41 Extraor St., Parlied, ph.
Keig, 178 Woolooware Rd, Cronulla.
Werbee, 109 Wolli St., Kinggrove.

Schulz, 174 Neison St., Kingsgrove.

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C. Linden, 723 Toorak Rd., Kooyong, S. E. A. Tremawon, 2 Hurlestone St., Prahran.

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Said, 22 Roesbink Ave., Strathmeretackae, 1 Symonds St., East Hawthorn.

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R. Parker, 88 Boundary ave., Journal of ville.
C. Britton, 42 Railway Ave., Townsville.
C. Jenkins, 25 Adrian St., West Mackay.
F. Fooley, 35 Aberdeen Ave., Maryborough.
D. Grandison, 141, Mt. Crosby.

South Australia
H. Dreimann, 22 Days Rd., Croydon,
R. A. C. Washington, 252 Torrens Rd., Croydon,
H. M. Blythe, 57 Jervols St., Vermont.

M. Blytne, 57 Jervols St., Vermont.

Western Australia
T. S. Long, 106 Spencer St., Bunbury.
C. F. Jaeschke, Moora, W.A.
G. E. Maxfield, C/O. 6WA Radio Station, Wagin.

R. W. Harrex, 54 Creek Rd., Newtown,

The above list does not include candidates who, although they failed in the examination or a full certificate, qualified in the subjects or a Limited Certificate. Such candidates are sued with a Limited Certificate on application.

FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

Under date of 11th October, Seth Hodson writes: "I have ceased my activities as VPSFH on Grand Turk Island. In four months of operating I managed just over 1,000 contacts and the last of the cards have been sent out.

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-Ray Jones, VK3RJ, Manager,

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Certificates have been issued as follows: Mike and Key Club, KA2NY; Takeo Kuwahara, JAICR; Ivar Svenson, SNTAVA; H. V. C. Randall, ZCSVR; K. Wydder, HB9DS; Otto C. Randall, ZCSVR; K. Wydder, HB9DS; Otto C. Shono, JAIAA. Total Certificates issued to date, 45. -G. Weynton, VK3XU, Awards Manager,

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of the activities will be held at VLXVII—now
The usual large roll up of city and country
members is expected at the Hamfest which is
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Tederal Convention. See you at the Mannetti
Her's hoping you all had a very Merry Xmas,
and may your antenna radials throughout 1957.

HUNTER BRANCH The November meeting of the Hunter Branch was held, as usual, at the University of Tech-

-SILENT KEY-

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of:-

VK4YA-Bill Young.

nology with 13 members in attendance, includ-ing John FKSAB, It was announced by the social committee that as no Christmas Party was to be held this year, the cash in hand would be used to purchase presents for all children of members of the Hunter Branch.

Associate Stewart Fairburn was welcomed back after his visit to the United Kingdom and Stewart entertained members present by and Stewart series that the series of the series where the series where the series where the series whose ship was in port for a few weeks, addressed the meeting and gave an account of the activities of FK3 in Noumea.

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President of the Branch, Bill 2XT, has been down to YKI to see the Gemes and has now close to the YKI to see the Gemes and has now close to the tendency and the tendency ECR has been on order to the tendency ECR has been on order to the tendency ECR has been on order to the tendency ECR has the tendency ECR has the tendency to the tendency tendency to the tendency tend Bill 2PJ active from his new shack;

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Hope you all had a Merry Xmas and have a Properous New Year, with great advances in Amateur Radio for 1857.

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

Congrais to Don 2RS for his fine effort in the R.D. Contest, very good work Don. Les 22BJ, at Uranquinty, has been advised of a shift to Ballarat, so once again this zone loses a very active v.h.f. man. All the very best in your move Les from all in the zone.

Stan Abbey and Jock Ashley, the two Coola-mon Associates, are still stugging it out on their way to sitting for the ticket. Hope to see as many of the zone who can possibly get down to the Headquarters Hamfest at the end of January. Roll up chaps and show Sydney that we can also travel.

Hope all zone members and associates had a very Merry Xmas and have a Bright and Prosperous New Year. On behalf of this zone we extend New Year Greetings to all Aus-tralia, not forgetting "Amateur Radio."



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don and many VK3s had great pleasure in meeting Jim. Our Technical Editor, Ken 3AFJ, hasn't been at all well lately, he's got a nasty pain in his tummy, but manages to carry on with his job cheerfully. We all hope your trouble clears up soon Ken.

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80 METRE TRANSMITTER HUNT It was a lovely fine, pleasant, sunny Sunday afternoon and our VK3 Amateurs and their families turned up in full force to greet our Olympic visitors. There were 120 attended the hunt and among the Olympic visitors were Bob YAIAA from Afghanistan, Peta ZL2ABJ and Gooff ZLESK from New Zealand, Evan VKEF
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If anyone has any photos of the last Convention held at Ballarat and could spare some,
lease send same to Bill Wines, 48 Crawley St.,
Varrnambool. Well chaps as it is now 1957,
wish all zone members a happy and prosperus New Year and may all that you wish for,

NORTH EASTERN ZONE

As my spies have all developed glass wrists and have gone to the Olympic Games, there is no zone activity to write about. On behalf of the zone, I would like to wish everyone the cheers of the season and best of DX for 1967.

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GERLONG AMATRUR RADIO CLUB At a recent meeting, Bill 3BU entertained members at his new QTH and gave those present a fine demonstration of t.v. application and

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Hunt at Woy Woy—road blocked, so had to take of on foot, in the move in Tamworth and should greatly expand with the formation of the Radio and Electronics Club, which it is believed has a membership of twenty and still growing. Tw.—minish' in the test of antennae—and it is interesting to note that the 16 element phase in Hillyrey, has been heard in Sydney at SN.—Well chaps, I now wish you all a Happy New Year with plenty of DX on 2 mx.—ARYM.

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OBITUARY

BILL VOUNG VEAVA

Daring November, Bill Young, YKITA, Passed was November, Bill Young, YKITA, Passed was placed with the passed In 1955 Bill found his health failing, but kept on with the job to the best of his ability. On medical advice he had to give up the job and, shortly after, he suffered a serious stroke which almost took him from

us then.

He had a partial recovery but was completely invalided and went to Ipswich to
live with his brother. As his health improved, he fired up his rig again and though
we could not hear him here in Brisbane on
20 metres unless skip was very short, we
could hear the DX replying to his calls. Ham Radio did wonders for him in the last months of his life as an occupational therapy. Bill had been a Ham for thirty years and the ranks of Amateurs have lost years and the ranks an ardent follower. W.I.A. members and "Amateur Radio" xtend to his relatives their deepest

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MARYBOROUGH

Pride of place this month to Grahame Pooley, who passed his A.O.C.P. Grahame has a converted ATS almost ready, will modulate with 807s. First antenna will be an extended double zepp. A 12 tube rx also to be built. 4CB only on 2 mx so far, 10 mx quad not yet on the tower. 4BG has tower ready to holst and plans a G4ZU beam in place of the old three element 14 Mc. job. 4AI still stlent. Alan had a 40 ft. mast snap in a recent blow.

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NORTH WESTERN ZONE

During November I went back to the old QTH at Queenstown to relieve Leon 7JP for his annual leave. Saw the 7JP antenna farm on the hill as mentioned last month. Leon has a

cubical quad outside the window, which is conveniently turned by two pieces of cord There is also an extended lazy H which is con-There is also an extended lasy H which is conveniently supported by two nearby Illills. Here were represented to the property Illills of the convenient and the December meeting for the North Western Tone. The Associates apparently being Ken Hanceck, Albol Locket and Max I'ves. Row's that A.O.C.P. course going MaxT Jehnus Row's that A.O.C.P. course going MaxT Jehnus on the top the Convenient Co

welcome to you chaps.
George 7CL, we are not not considered for your
music, or did the locale of the meeting bring
you out? Understand the meeting decided to
80 ms. Discussion also took place on a Constitution for the zone, a copy having been obplace, again the hammer of Ted TEJ. That's
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Roy 7RN liberated the moths and now has a mod. checker. Fine thing, Roy. Guess 1II be right to borrow same anytime? Have had speeder that to borrow same anytime? Have had speeder that the considering building a converter or two, to replace the dual waver. Any old, bent, the Southern sorties, bent and is considering building a converter or two, to replace the dual waver. Any old, bent, the Southern sorties, heard also on s.h. hand line during this week, but appeared very busy. Thanks for remarks on prolific style Harry. All the best for the New Year from the Wild

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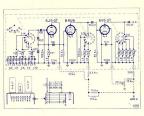
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